

YEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Aboriginal Learning, Wellbeing & Safety Action Plan Minimum Standards

Note: Throughout this document the term Koorie is used to refer to both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Yea Primary School embraces the vision of the <u>Marrung Aboriginal Education Plan</u> and celebrates the culture, knowledge and experiences of First Nations Peoples. We are committed to creating and maintaining a school environment that empowers Koorie students to feel valued, respected and culturally strong.

Yea Primary School has a number of measures in place to ensure our community acknowledges and appreciates the strengths of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. These measures are outlined below.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES AND FEEDBACK

We actively seek participation and feedback from Koorie students, families and Community by:

- acknowledging the existing knowledge of Koorie students and their families and seeking
 their feedback on decisions that affect them, and on how well we are meeting their needs,
 through initial enrolment meetings, Student Support Groups, during the development of
 Individual Education Plans and when planning cultural events.
- working with our regional Koorie Engagement Support Officers (KESOs) for advice on how
 we can create a culturally inclusive learning environment and to build our capacity to
 provide support for individual Koorie students attending our school.
- partnering with the Taungurung leaders where possible to seek feedback and advice on existing and new actions we can take to support the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal students and children in our community.

TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF STAFF

To ensure our staff are equipped with the skills and knowledge necessary to create and maintain a positive and inclusive school environment we:

- ensure staff participate in <u>Community Understanding and Safety Training (CUST)</u> training
- provide tailored training and professional development each year to build knowledge for specific staff based on any emerging or current areas of need
- ensure training and professional development equips teaching staff to deliver Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives within the classroom curriculum, including providing texts and teaching materials that support this across curriculum areas.
- support teachers to work in their Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) to map and develop teaching and learning activities within the Victorian Curriculum priorities to enable staff to build their confidence with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander content and to recognise opportunities to draw upon Aboriginal pedagogies and practices within their classrooms



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- Appoint a Marrung Leader to attend the Marrung COP and bring back ideas and strategies to all staff to support developing an inclusive environment.
- Ensure induction training and professional development equips staff with an understanding and appreciation of the strengths of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and its importance to the wellbeing and safety of Koorie children and students.

CURRICULUM AND LEARNING

Yea Primary School supports the development of high expectations and individualised learning for Koorie students and creates a learning environment for all students that acknowledges, respects and values Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and identities. This includes:

- implementing the Department of Education's Koorie Education Policy
- ensuring that all Koorie students have individual education plans developed in partnership with students, families, and KESOs.
- KESOs are invited to SSG meetings for all Koorie students.

ASSEMBLIES AND OTHER SCHOOL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

We ensure our school events and activities acknowledge and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture by:

- acknowledging the Country and Traditional Owners of the land on which our school is located (Taungurung) at the start of every school assembly and meeting
- arranging incursions and excursions, and recognising key events and anniversaries that celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture

BUILT AND DIGITAL ENVIRONMENT

We ensure our built environment and website demonstrates an appreciation and acknowledgment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture through:

- flying the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags on school grounds.
- displaying plaques/signs in key areas including the Multi Purpose room, our office and Principal's office to Acknowledge Country and Traditional Owners
- Reference the Taungurung people on our school website in Principal welcome and formal school reports.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

We recognise that our school's practices must be regularly reviewed and updated in partnership with our families and local communities. We encourage you to contact our Wellbeing and Marrung Leader on 5797 2724 with any feedback, concerns or suggestions.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Plan last reviewed	December 10th 2025
Consultation	School Council 8/12/25, Wellbeing Team 9/12/25
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	December 10 th 2027